

# Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

*This is a good idea. However, it is really up to you. I may already have had a hearing test and now looking for a better price.*

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

*There is always some pressure and strong sales presence. It is difficult to say no. Sometimes - the alternative should be left up to person who has to pay for hearing aid.*

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

*Of course they shouldn't. Many times you're giving too much credit to those who give the hearing test. If the person with the hearing problem can't make their own choice they are giving away more of their freedom.*

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

*The answer is yes - can I shop by mail for other things - yes - The rule - caveat emptor still lives - and thank God for that -*

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